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**MEMORANDUM**

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DATE: May 9, 2013  
TO: Minneapolis City Planning Commission  
FROM: Joseph Bernard, Senior City Planner  
SUBJECT: Location and Design Review Recommendations, 2014 – 2018 Capital Improvement Program

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Location and Design Review is the name for the City’s process of reviewing capital projects for consistency with the City’s comprehensive plan. It is required under State Law Chapter 462.356 (Subd. 2), as well as the City’s Charter, Chapter 13, Section 4. The Charter language is the origin of the term “Location and Design Review”, as it stipulates: “No public improvements shall be approved or authorized to be constructed in the City, nor indebtedness incurred therefore, until the location and design of the same have been approved by the City Planning Commission, provided in such case of disapproval the Commission shall communicate its reason to the City Council, and the majority vote of such body shall be sufficient to overrule such disapproval.”

Location and Design Review of capital projects results in one of three determinations:

1. Consistent, No Review Required (NRR). The project is consistent with the comprehensive plan, and no additional review will be required by the City Planning Commission in the future.
2. Additional Review Required (ARR). The project concept is consistent with the comprehensive plan, but because of the scope of work, magnitude of the investment, or sensitivity due to environmental, heritage preservation or other factors, additional review will be needed when more project details are available.
3. Not consistent. The City Planning Commission may determine that the project is inconsistent with the City’s comprehensive plan. (This determination may be overruled by the City Council per the City Charter.)

The following projects are to be evaluated for Location and Design Review at this time. They are being proposed for funding as part of the City’s 2014 – 2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). As such, they are in the process of being prioritized and commented on by the City’s Capital Long-Range Improvement Committee (CLIC), an appointed citizen’s committee. The recommendations of CLIC will be forwarded to the Mayor and City Council. In most cases, the projects that require Location and Design Review are new. That is, they have not been part of the

City's five year CIP in past years. A few have been proposed before, but their scope of work has changed enough that they need to be reviewed again.

The projects are listed in the following table, with recommended City Planning Commission determination. They are described in detail in each of the attached capital budget requests.

***Capital Projects for 2014-2018 Capital Program***

<b>Project</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Action</b>
RAD01	Public Safety Radio System Upgrade	911	NRR
BR123	28th Ave S	Public Works	NRR
FIR11	Fire Station #11	Public Works	NRR
FIR12	Fire Station No. 1 Renovation & Expansion	Public Works	NRR
IT035	Managed Service	IT	NRR
PRK33	Bryn Mawr Meadows Field Improvements	Park Board	NRR
PSD16	Farmer's Market Improvements	Public Works	NRR
PSD17	Solid Waste & Recycling Facility Improvements	Public Works	NRR
PV086	26th Ave N (Wirth Pkwy to Brdwy/Lyndale to River)	Public Works	NRR
PV093	37th Ave. NE (St Anthony Pkwy to Marshall St NE)	Public Works	NRR
PV094	4th St. SE	Public Works	NRR
PV095	4th St N & S	Public Works	NRR
PV096	42nd Ave N (Xerxes to Lyndale Ave N)	Public Works	NRR
PV097	18th Ave NE Trail Gap	Public Works	NRR
PV098	Hiawatha Trail Gap	Public Works	NRR
PV099	26th & 28th St Buffered Bike Lanes	Public Works	NRR
WTR25	Ground Water Supply	Public Works	NRR
WTR26	Recarbonation System Replacement	Public Works	NRR
WTR27	Meter Replacement Program	Public Works	NRR
WTR28	Ultrafiltration Module Replacement	Public Works	NRR